

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.  
7:00 P.M., October 7, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Grove at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present-** Mayor Grove, Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

**Excused Absence- None**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Schneider to open the Public Hearing regarding the consideration of potential vacation by the City of LaSalle of a portion of City of LaSalle Streets and/or alleys commonly known as the South 32 feet of the diamond portion of the alley between Chartres Street and Peru Street, East and West, and between Seventh Street and Sixth Street, North and South and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

There were no comments or objections from the public.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to close the public hearing.  
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 are accepted and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Herndon allow Fehr Graham to address the council regarding the SCADA System Replacement.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Mick Gronewold of Fehr Graham, explained that the SCADA System, (which is an acronym for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System) is a system that operates from a distance through codes and signals. It is the brains that run the water system as a whole. The city's system was originally installed in 1982 with upgrades in 1997 which added the Civic and Cannon tanks. Currently, the system is having some communication issues, and while it is still working, from a technology standpoint the system will become more and more obsolete. Fehr Graham presented a proposal which would analyze the needs of the city with the intent to seek bids once needs are identified. Discussion followed. Jeff Bumgarner indicated that the system

eventually needs to be replaced and he is comfortable with Fehr Graham conducting the engineering study.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Ptak pending Attorney McPhedran's review to move forward with a contract with Fehr Graham to conduct the engineering study of the SCADA System Replacement for \$27,500. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

## **PETITIONS**

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant the request of LaSalle Little League to hold a Tag Day collection on Friday, April 10 and Saturday, April 11, 2015 at the intersections of 11<sup>th</sup> and Bucklin Streets, as well as at the corners of Raccuglia Drive and Chartres Street adhering to all established guidelines. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak to grant the request of LaSalle County Lightning to hold a Tag Day collection on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at the intersection of 11th and Bucklin Streets adhering to all established guidelines. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to grant a Lease of City Property to Jeff and Julie Sloan of 40 Oak Ridge Drive to install a decorative fencing structure. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and deny the request from Applebee's to donate to the Make-A-Wish Foundation basket raffle. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

City Clerk Carrie Brown read thank you notes from IVAR acknowledging a recent \$250 donation made by the council and from the La Salle-Peru Township High School band for allowing its recent candy bar sale in the city.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file communications from IVAR and LaSalle-Peru Township High School Band.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

## **BIDS**

There were no bids received for 359 Wright Street, 1034 Fifth Street, or 1239 Crosat Street. City Clerk Carrie Brown opened the sealed bid received for property at 517 Bucklin Avenue. The bidder was Ray Ferrari of 120 Pulaski Street, Spring Valley, Illinois 61362. The bid amount was \$1,025.

Treasurer Ginny Kochanowski inquired if the bidders are responsible for paying legal and publication fees associated with the sale of these properties. Mayor Grove stated that we will not be charging those fees this time.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman to accept the bid of \$1,025 for property at 517 Bucklin Avenue, La Salle, Illinois. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider  
NAY: None Absent: None Pass: Alderman Demes

**Motion Carried 7-0**

City Clerk Carrie Brown opened the sealed bid received for property at 1113 Canal Street. The bidder was Amy Stone of 330 Sunset Blvd. Oglesby, Illinois 61348. The bid amount was \$1,200.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the bid of \$1,200 for property at 1113 Canal Street, La Salle, Illinois. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider  
NAY: None Absent: None Pass: Alderman Demes

**Motion Carried 7-0**

### **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the request of LaSalle-Peru Township High School District #120 for Rezoning of certain premises between Chartres Street and Sixth Street, East and West, and Seventh Street and Sixth Street, North and South from R3, Two Family Dwelling to R4, Multiple Family Dwelling (all also within Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town, now City of LaSalle) Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission regarding the request of LaSalle-Peru Township High School District #120 for approval of potential consolidation plat including waiver of preliminary plat in connection with certain premises within Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town, now City of LaSalle, which consolidated premises shall then be known as Consolidated Lot A in Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town, now City of LaSalle and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the request of LaSalle-Peru Township High School District #120 for zoning variances to reduce front yard setbacks from 25 feet to 0 feet on Sixth Street and Peru Street, and rear yard setbacks from 25 feet to 10 feet, conditioned and contingent on Planning Commission approval of a consolidation plat that will

then involve Consolidated Lot A in Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town, now City of LaSalle and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals regarding the petition of Corey Andreoni requesting a variance for premises commonly known as 608 Marquette Street, LaSalle, IL related to construction of a garage reducing the side yard setback from 5 feet to 1 foot and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman to accept the recommendation of the Building Codes Committee regarding the petition of Brian Claudnic to grant a variance to City Code 150.40 regarding front yard fence height for premises located at #8 and Lot 10 Polar Bear Drive allowing for a height of 6 ft. and the use of PVC coating and privacy slats in the fence material. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee to give \$2,500 toward the Multi Modal grant study.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to place signs on both sides of Crosat Street south of O'Connor designating "no parking here to corner."

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to deny the request to designate a no parking area on the east side of Gooding Street.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the recommendation of the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee to designate a no parking area on the east side of Hennepin Street from 11<sup>th</sup> Street to McArthur.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A brief recap of the Rental Ordinance Review Committee meeting held on October 1, 2014 was given by Alderman Duncan. He explained that the landlords in attendance did not seem to have an issue with the new fee structure and were happy about the elimination of the yearly inspection requirement. He did explain that the landlords seemed to have some concern with the maximum re-inspection window of 90 days and preferred a 6 month maximum re-inspection policy. Discussion followed. Building Inspector Covert stated that he preferred the 3 month requirement.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the revisions to the Rental Ordinance including a maximum inspection interval of 90 days.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to confirm action on a straw poll taken at the September 23, 2014 meeting regarding a request from Richard and Karen Gruenwald to close the alley near 1035 La Fayette Street for a Block Party on Saturday, October 4, 2014.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to confirm action on a straw poll taken at the September 23, 2014 meeting regarding a request for a 2014 Raffle License for Illinois Valley Animal Rescue. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and second by Alderman Duncan to confirm action on a straw poll taken at the September 23, 2014 meeting regarding the hiring of Samuel Hoster as Patrolman in the City of La Salle.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Duncan to authorize, pay and place on file Pay Application No. 1 from John Pohar and Sons for Rotary Park Phase II totaling \$152, 477.01. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

Alderman Demes brought up the condition of Bucklin Avenue to First Street due to increased truck traffic. He suggested we put a plan in place to seek funding to repair the road. Discussion followed. City Engineer Brian Brown will investigate some funding options and prepare cost estimates at the next council meeting. He explained that this is a federal truck route.

Alderman Bacidore requested that Blouke Carus appear before the council to explain the status of the Kaskaskia Hotel. The Mayor will invite him to do so.

Mayor Grove thanked everyone who assisted with the recent Homecoming parades. He also informed the press that leaf pick-up will begin on October 13, 2014 and leaves will no longer be picked up in alleys. Trick-or-treat will take place on October 31 from 5-7 p.m.

## NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to send a petition to Comcast regarding opposition to the proposed closing of the Peru Service Center. Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Herndon to refer a request from Tom Arnold Properties for the subdividing of property at 757 First Street to the Planning Commission.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

## ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file  
**Ordinance 2504:** An ordinance vacating a portion of City right-of-way commonly known as the South 32 feet of the diamond portion of the alley between Chartres Street and Peru Street, East and West and between Seventh Street and Sixth Street, North and South and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2504:** an ordinance vacating a portion of City right-of-way commonly known as the South 32 feet of the diamond portion of the alley between Chartres Street and Peru Street, East and West and between Seventh Street and Sixth Street, North and South and related matters.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept and place on file  
**Ordinance 2505:** An ordinance rezoning a portion of premises owned by LaSalle-Peru Township High School District #120 within Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town, now City of LaSalle from R3, Two Family Dwelling to R4, Multiple Family Dwelling and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2505:** an ordinance rezoning a portion of premises owned by LaSalle-Peru Township High School District #120 within Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town, now City of LaSalle from R3, Two Family Dwelling to R4, Multiple Family Dwelling and related matters.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept and place on file  
**Ordinance 2506:** An ordinance approving consolidation plat of certain premises owned by LaSalle-Peru Township High School District #120 within Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town, now City of LaSalle, which premises are then to be known as Consolidated Lot A in Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town, now City of LaSalle and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2506:** an ordinance approving consolidation plat of certain premises owned by LaSalle-Peru Township High School District #120 within Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town, now City of LaSalle, which premises are then to be known as Consolidated Lot A in Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town, now City of LaSalle and related matters.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept and place on file  
**Ordinance 2507** An ordinance approving variance on certain of premises owned by LaSalle-Peru Township High School District #120 within Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town, now City of LaSalle reducing front yard setbacks from 25 feet to 0 feet on Sixth Street and Peru Street and rear yard setback from 25 feet to 10 feet on that which is, in recognition of the approval of consolidated plat, for now Consolidated Lot A in Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL:** AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2507:** an ordinance approving variance on certain of premises owned by LaSalle-Peru Township High School District #120 within Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 in the Original Town, now City of LaSalle reducing front yard setbacks from 25 feet to 0 feet on Sixth Street and Peru Street and rear yard setback from 25 feet to 10 feet on that which is, in recognition of the approval of consolidated plat, for now Consolidated Lot A in Brown's Subdivision of Block 43 and related matters.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Bacidore to accept and place on file **Ordinance 2508**: An ordinance approving variance on certain premises owned by Corey Andreoni regarding construction of a garage reducing side yard setback from 5 feet to 1 foot and related matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider

NAY: None Absent: None Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Ordinance 2508: an ordinance approving variance on certain premises owned by Corey Andreoni regarding construction of a garage reducing side yard setback from 5 feet to 1 foot and related matters.**

### **COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

Alderman Schneider congratulated Rachel Stella on her one year anniversary with the News-Tribune.

Alderman Demes thanked Tom Arnold for all the wonderful projects he is involved with in the City of La Salle.

Alderman Reynolds announced the LPAC group will hold its window decorating contest as part of the Hometown Halloween.

Mayor Grove announced that any interested individuals, families or businesses can contact City Hall if they are interested in sponsoring a lighting display at Rotary Park for its holiday display.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that bills submitted totaling \$204,809.66 (Total Payroll \$163,254.22, Bills to be Paid \$31,356.95, Total Bills Paid \$10,198.49) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

**ROLL CALL**: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon,

NAY: None Absent: Abstain: None

**Motion Carried 8-0**

**Moved** by Alderman Reynolds and seconded by Alderman Demes to adjourn the meeting.  
Voice vote, all ayes. Motion is carried.

**ADJOURNED 8:29 p.m.**



Carrie Brown, City Clerk